

**LUCERNE VALLEY & JOHNSON VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**LV Community Center, 33187 Hwy 247 East, Lucerne Valley**  
**Thursday, April 20, 2017 @ 5pm**

Molly Wiltshire, 3rd District Chief of Staff, swore in new MAC member, Ken O'Hare

Chair, Roger Peterson, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL Present:** Roger Peterson (Chair), Jean Magee (Vice-Chair), Betty Munson (Secretary), Joanna Wright (Member), Jean Fuqua (Member), Lorane Abercrombie (Member), Ken O'Hare (Member)

**FLAG SALUTE:** led by Brian Meder

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** April 20, 2017. Jean Magee, made a motion to accept agenda as submitted; Joanna Wright seconded the motion. Agenda approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Draft minutes March 16, 2017. Betty Munson made a motion to accept as submitted; Member, Jean Fuqua seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Neighbors Robin McCartney and Mike Atterbury discussed fire at Joshua and Arroyo, no access in or out on Cherokee Rd, old floodwater damage. Also issues with solar plant, transformers blowing up, rattling windows. Toxic smoke from plastic in latest compost fire. Family members and neighbors unable to leave area. Need to grade road.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Third District** – Molly Wiltshire: Attended Scenic 247 meeting before this MAC; introduced other 3<sup>rd</sup> District attendees: Tony Mejia, Legislative Analyst; Mark Lundquist, Field Representative & Chair Morongo Basin MAC. Watching AB366 Water Hauling bill now in Senate. Update on Renewable Energy Element to be issued next week. Supervisor Ramos aware of the fire issue, please send any documentation. Follow-up on the three letters from MAC:

- 1) Scenic 247 meeting called with Planning staff.
- 2) Water Hauling bill being monitored and will issue letters of support.
- 3) Request for new Solar Moratorium depends on timing of Renewable Energy Element, public comment.

Chuck Bell commented the water hauling bill went to the Senate committee, the chairman of which wrote the original bill banning water hauling. Not optimistic.

**CALFIRE** - Battalion Chief Grant Malinowsky reported fire station open, starting to get small fires.

The compost fire was held to ¾ acre but did produce much smoke. Stayed with it, bulldozed it, to be certain it was completely out. Had full water tenders throughout.

CalFire Grants could be available for community access/egress into wildland for public safety.

Continuing with hazard fuel reduction projects.

Code Enforcement inspects compost, but CalFire also charged with pest control, report violations.

**San Bernardino County Sheriff** – Sgt. Lonnie Siebert announced new deputies in area with very good records.

Well represented for small substation. March: LV 463 calls, 45 reports, 16 arrests. County area of AV had 474 calls, 44 reports, 12 arrests. Discussion Walmart arson for diversion from theft.

**San Bernardino County Fire** – no representative

**CSA 29 Report** – Zach Tipton, Maintenance. Added 20 hp booster pumps for more volume in case of fire, redundant system. 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Family Fun Day May 6, Movies in the Park. All family activities.

Trees lawns, sprinklers ready for heat wave. ETI not using Midway arena, poor quality surface.

**Land Use Committee** – Roger Peterson, no report

**Cemetery Committee** – Jean Fuqua reported letter from Committee ready to send to Supervisor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

Hwy 247 Scenic Designation - Sarah Kennington reported help from Supervisor Ramos getting Land Use Planners to meet with Scenic 247 Committee today, a breakthrough in a process that took longer than it should have over the years. Had conference call with Caltrans Landscape Architect; asking for a mile-by-mile inventory of scenery and visual intrusions. Heard for the first time that we need to have a Landscape Architect certify the Visual Assessment; hope to find one pro bono. Hopeful that we have new momentum and commitment from the County side.

**ACTION ITEMS:** None

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTS / REPORTS:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** May 18, 2017, LV Community Center @ 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 5:40 p.m.

–Betty Munson, Secretary